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REMARKS

Specification Amendment

The specification has been amended to include a Related Applications paragraph. No new matter has been added.

Amendment to Claim 1

Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification including at page 2, lines 5-6. No new matter has been added with the amendment.

New Claim 46

Support for new claim 46 is found throughout the specification and claims, including, for example, in original claims 1 and 6.

Claim Objections

Claims 4-31, 33, 35-45 have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being in improper form. Claim 32 has been objected to for including the phrase "saccharide saccharide".

Various claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies and claim 32 has been amended to correct the typographical error, thereby obviating the present claim objections. No new matter has been added with the amendments.

Rejection of Claim 34 under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 34 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because it is unclear which formula is being referred to in the phrase "wherein R¹ is H, A is -OC(O)- and L is -(CH₂)₄-".

Claim 34 has been amended to refer to claim 33, thereby obviating this rejection.

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Rejection of Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eagle et al. (*J. Chem. Research Synoses*, 10:390 (1993) (Abstract only)).


Claim 1 has been amended to relate to modified capsular oligosaccharides and polysaccharides. Eagle's abstract does not disclose or suggest any oligosaccharides or polysaccharides. As such, Eagle does not anticipate claims 1-3 as amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the examiner's determination that claim 32 is allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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